

HAIKU WRITING CONTEST RULES

Dear Students:

Everyone is dependent on transportation for everything from everyday travel to the movement of the goods we purchase. A good transportation system helps support a healthy community and prosperous economy. We need to use our roads wisely in order to help keep people and goods moving throughout our region. People can help do their part by not always driving alone. There are many travel options such as sharing the ride in a carpool or vanpool, riding the bus or train, walking, biking, roller-blading, skateboarding and riding a scooter. Without transportation we would not be able to attend a Mariner's game, play a video game or eat our favorite ice cream. You, too, can help out by ridesharing!

The Washington State Ridesharing Organization encourage 6th, 7th, and 8th grade **students** to consider the importance of ridesharing, what ridesharing means to our community, and the many ways we have for traveling around our region, then write a rideshare haiku. A haiku is a form of Japanese poetry. A haiku uses three lines...the first line consists of five syllables...the second line has seven syllables and the third line has five syllables. The last word in each line does not need to rhyme with the other last words, as some poems do. It is a simple, yet a very beautiful expression of words.

Examples: Wheels and pedal power
 Take me where I want to go
 I love the freedom

Ride the bus. It's great.
Meet new friends or read a book
Do it now! Don't wait!

Contest Rules:

1. The writing contest is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students that have a parent or guardian that works in Washington State.
2. Only one entry per student.
3. Only entries that follow the haiku format will be judged.
4. The entry must be signed by the student's parent or guardian.

Prizes:

Judges will determine the top haiku entry in each grade. The winning haiku for each grade level will receive a **\$50 gift certificate** (to be announced). Also, student names and the winning haikus will be featured on the Rideshare Week website at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/partners/wsro/rideshare/>.



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